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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view remarks herein.

The examiner has variously rejected the pending claims 1-31 and 38 under 35 USC § 102(e) and § 103(a).

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 38 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Yokoyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,507, 379.

It is respectfully submitted that the additional element of claim 1 and 38 of the microcavity is not anticipated by the Yokoyama reference. Therefore, the rejection should be removed.

Further, the Examiner has rejected original claims 8-17, 19-27 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,507, 379 in view of Faris U.S. Patent No. 6,188,460.

Original claim 19, now canceled, included the microcavity element. However, the Examiner did not indicate where a microcavity is taught or suggested by the references, alone or in combination. Further, the remaining claims 8-17 and 20-27, now including the microcavity, are neither taught nor suggested by the references, alone or in combination.

Finally, the Examiner has rejected original claims 18, 28-31 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,507, 379 in view of Faris U.S. Patent No. 6,188,460, in further view of Jiang et al U.S. Patent Publication No.

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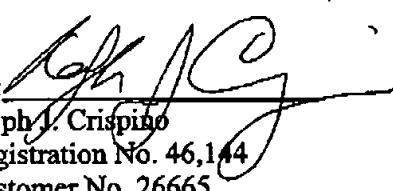
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2002/0075434 A1. However, in light of the above remarks regarding Yokoyama et al., these rejections should be removed.

The amendments herein do not introduce any new matter. It is believed that the claims herein should be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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